

WEEKEND GETAWAY



Timpanogos Cave

New light on an old subject

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AERICAN FORK CANYON — Reminiscent of a scene from the pages of Mark Twain's classic "Tom Sawyer," modern-day cave explorers clutch candles as they are lead through the pitch-black caves of Timpanogos Cave, discovering vaulted rooms covered with glimmering calcite crystals and grotesque formations.

Part of a series of special tours offered by the National Park Service, which runs Timpanogos Cave National Monument, the candlelight tours — along with photography tours, flashlight tours, historic tours, nature walks and geology walks — offer a distinctive way to experience this treasure trove of natural beauty. This is third year of the special tours, according to Bill Wellman, monument superintendent.

Novice spelunkers, shutterbugs, and interested groups including scout troops have already participated in the

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Special photographic tours are being offered at Timpanogos Cave, but space is limited and must be reserved in advance.